Ongoing Resources

Continuing Sustainability Work: Organizations, Programs and Businesses

1. [Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE)](https://www.mncee.org)

CEE is a nonprofit that delivers Home Energy Squad visits in the Twin Cities and helps residents, businesses, and communities better understand energy and efficiency. They have information on many energy efficiency programs for homeowners, renters, government agencies, and even utility companies [here](https://www.mncee.org/services/overview/). Stacy Boots Camp, sbootscamp@mncee.org, or Kat McCarthy, kmccarthy@mncee.org, have been our outreach contacts at CEE and provide excellent information on Home Energy Squad visits and energy efficiency. They also have an excellent lending center: <https://www.mncee.org/services/financing/>

1. [Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/)

CERTs is a statewide partnership dedicated to connect individuals and their communities to resources that help them implement community-based clean energy projects. They also provide unbiased information on community solar, including what to look for in a contract. CERTs will present at meetings and events, and has current information on Minnesota RFPs on their website.

1. [Partners in Energy](http://www.betterenergy.org/files/Partners_In_Energy_Overview.pdf)

Partners in Energy is an Xcel Energy program dedicated to empowering communities in Minnesota and Colorado. They helped support the LSEC, a pilot partnership and the only community that spans neighborhood boundaries. Neighborhoods or organizations can apply to be part of the program by downloading the pdf at the bottom of their webpage [here](https://www.xcelenergy.com/partners/municipalities/partners_in_energy). (<https://www.xcelenergy.com/stateselector?stateSelected=true&goto=%2Fpartners%2Fmunicipalities%2Fpartners_in_energy>) This is an option for groups or members of the LSEC who are interested in continuing similar work.

1. [Clean Energy Partnership](https://mplscleanenergypartnership.org/)

The Clean Energy Partnership is a partnership with the City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and Center Point Energy to help reach the City’s climate goals by 2040. The Energy Vision Action Committee (EVAC) is a group of public residents dedicated to shaping this work and ensuring that the group meets its goals. This group is accepting applications for [2017-2018 here](https://mplscleanenergypartnership.org/recent-news/). ( <https://mplscleanenergypartnership.org/recent-news/>) The EVAC is also responsible for residential engagement, and will be releasing an RFP for specific engagement around energy efficiency soon. All groups involved in the LSEC are encouraged to apply and continue the important sustainability work that the LSEC started. The RFP will be released later this year and once chosen, the applicant selected will begin work immediately and continue through 2017.

1. [Alliance for Sustainability](http://allianceforsustainability.com/)
Sean Gosiewski, sean@afors.org, runs the Alliance for Sustainability, an organization dedicated to helping residents, communities, and businesses become more sustainable. They provide information on creating energy action plans, Minnesota GreenStep Cities, and have partnered with MN Community Solar to promote community solar in the Twin Cities. The Alliance for Sustainability is always accepting volunteers and engaging residents on being water stewards.
2. [Cooperative Energy Futures](https://cooperativeenergyfutures.com/)

(<https://cooperativeenergyfutures.com/>) Timothy DenHerder Thomas runs Cooperative Energy Futures, a local organization in South Minneapolis working to make sustainability more equitable. Cooperative Energy Futures is creating the first community solar garden in North Minneapolis, and is working to keep prices low through their cooperative, while creating jobs for locals.

1. [Interfaith Power and Light](http://mnipl.org/)

(<http://mnipl.org/>) MNIPL works in partnership with faith communities to build transformative **power** and bring the **lights** of people’s unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis. We respond to climate change by bringing Minnesota's faith communities together and by providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement.

Pledge Form Resources

1. Light Bulbs

Xcel Energy’s [Bulb Finder](https://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy_Solutions/Residential_Solutions/Rebates_%26_Energy_Savings/Bulb_Finder) webpage

(https://www.xcelenergy.com/Programs\_and\_Rebates/)

1. Second Refrigerator Recycling

Xcel Energy’s [Refrigerator Recycling webpage](http://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy_Solutions/Residential_Solutions/Rebates_%26_Energy_Savings/Refrigerator_Recycling)

Schedule a pick-up using the online sign-up form

(https://www.xcelenergy.com/Programs\_and\_Rebates)

1. Home Energy Squad®

[Minneapolis-specific Home Energy Squad® webpage](https://www.mncee.org/hes/minneapolis/) (https://www.mncee.org/hes/minneapolis/)

Participant Services Coordinator, Beth, at 612-335-5874 to schedule a visit

1. Community Solar Gardens

Clean Energy Resource Teams’ [webpage](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/solargardens) on Community Solar Gardens.

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1. Windsource®

Refer pledgers to Xcel Energy’s [Windsource® webpage](http://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy_Solutions/Residential_Solutions/Renewable_Energy_Solutions/Windsource_for_Residences)

(https://www.mncee.org/hes/minneapolis/)

[Online application](http://www.xcelenergy.com/Energy_Solutions/Residential_Solutions/Renewable_Energy_Solutions/Residential_Windsource_Sign_Up)

Other Resources

1. Continuing Tracking Neighborhood Energy Usage

Xcel Energy is providing neighborhoods a new tool for getting a report on neighborhood energy usage. With a shapefile of the neighborhood, all you have to do is upload it online and download your data!

1. Go to "[Neighborhood Resources](http://www.mcwsustainability.org/neighborhood-resources/)" on the Lake Street Energy Challenge webpage
2. Download your neighborhood's shape file & save it on your computer.
3. Go to Xcel Energy's[Community Energy Reports webpage](https://www.xcelenergy.com/partners/municipalities/community_energy_reports)
4. Scroll down the page to the "Customized Boundary Options Available" header
5. Click on the red link that says "email us" to send your neighborhood's shape file and submit a request for your neighborhood's energy report.

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